

AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0023] with the following amended paragraph:

FIG. 1A shows an embodiment of the implant **100** of the invention. The implant **100** has a first part or plate or piece or spacer member **110** that is configured to mate with a first vertebra and a second part or plate or piece or spacer member **120** that is configured to mate with a second vertebra. The first plate or implant **110** is an upper plate and the second plate or implant **120** is a lower plate. A third part **130** that sits between the first plate **110** and the second plate **120** is also provided. The third part **130** acts as a spacer between the first plate **110** and the second plate **120** and facilitates pivotal or rotational and also twisting movement of the first plate **110** and the second plate **120**, relative to each other. The third part **130** is in the form of a crossbar as discussed in more detail below. In one embodiment, the first piece has a first socket, and the second piece has a second socket where the third part or crossbar member is at least partially received in the first socket and the second socket. In an embodiment, the crossbar member has a first bar that is mounted above a second bar and in an embodiment perpendicular to the first bar.